



CITY OF MORGAN HILL

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LIBRARY COMMISSION

After Action

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2001

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING WILL BE IN THE VILLAS NEXT TO CITY HALL

Morgan Hill Civic Center
THE VILLAS
17555 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, California
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Chair
Vice-Chair
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Kathleen Keeshen
Kathleen Stanaway
Charles Cameron
Charles Dillmann
Jeanne Gregg
George Nale
Mary Ellen Salzano

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Keeshen

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Absent: Member Cameron, Nale

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORTS:

1. **COUNTY LIBRARY REPORT**
Legislation-Funding and Budgeting-
Joint Powers Authority

County Librarian Susan Fuller

Council Member Steve Tate

JPA revised agreement has been approved by the JPA and is now in process to be reviewed by Council. Provides authority for the JPA to have a Mello-Roos District.

JPA Board will be meeting the end of October to finalize the agreements with all the Councils in the JPA.
JPA will be researching strategy to move forward the Mello-Roos District campaign for 2004.

2. MORGAN HILL LIBRARY REPORT

Community Librarian Sarah Flowers

_____ User Statistics-Staffing-Programs-Upcoming Events

_____ July/August busiest ever; participation up 13%.

_____ Held a successful summer reading club.

Chair Keeshen inquired about the newspaper issue regarding photography of children in the library?
Library staff reported that the Incident has been straightened out with the newspaper and there is a clear understanding of policy; which resulted in the front page coverage in a later issue.

3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Members Cameron and Dillmann

CALTAC News

Senate Bill 74 and Senate Bill 94 letter from City Legislative Committee

The 2 bills did not pass the Governor's desk.
Campaign has started to have the bills included in the State's January budget.
City staff with the legislative sub-committee was thanked for writing such a nice letter in support.

If there is a legislative item that a Commissioner would like discussed from the email sent by Commissioner Dillmann regarding legislative issues, please notify staff so it can be put on the agenda. Everyone agreed that the current process worked well.

BUSINESS:

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2001.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Dillmann, seconded by Gregg, all approved.

5. COMMISSION ORIENTATION

Recommended Action: schedule orientation meeting.

Due to busy schedules and the library building project focus, the County Library staff will provide packets of written material for Commissioners to use as an orientation tool.

6. LIBRARY STAFFING DISCUSSION

Recommended Action: discuss future need, career opportunity, and description of a Jr. Librarian program.
Preliminary discussion regarding expanding operating hours and impact.

Commissioner Dillmann clarified that the Jr. Librarian program suggestion was an opportunity to discuss possible trained library staff shortages in the future and this might be an internship or introduction to Librarianship possibility. It appears that this might become a national issue according to reports.

Community Librarian Flowers noted that there is a program in place for this purpose, one of which is the library intern positions providing practical experience.

Two areas that are considered is the potential for not having optimum staffing levels for our library so they are

always on the look out for opportunities to assist with careers. Second, salaries play a large role in recruitment and retention.

The Commission agreed they should be considerate of things that they might do as a Commission to assist in the area of recruitment and training.

In reference to current library operating hours, consensus was that this would be a good discussion once the building program is complete. Surveys have shown that Sunday hours are popular but in order to expand hours the City would have to pick up the costs. Library staff did note that computer access is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Salzano announced that the 1st Annual National Book Celebration was to take place in the Washington, D.C. area on September 8 and to check out the website at www.loc.gov/bookfest

She offered to be the Chair for a local 2nd Annual National Book Celebration next year.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Purpose: Commissioners and staff to recommend items to be placed on the agenda.

Meeting was adjourned to resume the Library Building Committee.

ADJOURNMENT Next meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2001 at 7:00p.m.